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To: MICHAEL MCATEER

Subject: Sauget - Sediments Removal UAO

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Mike,

Pursuant to our conversation today concerning IEPA's request to USEPA to NOT issue the UAO for removal and containment of the contaminated sediments in Dead Creek, I understand that USEPA is now considering the IEPA request. USEPA should also take into consideration the impact to and reaction from the community of Cahokia and their representatives, should USEPA decide to comply with IEPA's request,

As you know, the community's expectation of getting the creek cleaned up in the short term - after decades of frustration and delay - has been established over the last few months in several Cahokia Town Hall meetings and confirmed (as far as Cahokia is concerned) by the results of the February 29 USEPA public meeting concerning the sediments' removal. Also, as a result of all of the recent discussions about the contamination, the anxiety level of the community has been heightened anew based on the premise of the UAO - that there exists a "potential imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health...", from potential exposure to the sediments in the creek. Furthermore, the community cannot begin to address the broader stormwater management and flooding issues - needed to improve the quality of life in the area - until the contamination is removed.

In addition to the interest of the local community and its leaders, Congressman Jerry Costello has asked for and received periodic updates from Solutia - and I understand from USEPA as well - on the progress of the clean-up activities in general and the sediment removal prospects in particular. The Congressman is expecting an imminent initiation of the Work.

Solutia is prepared to implement a responsible mitigation action under USEPA's CERCLA authority. We have given Cahokia reason for hope. How can we explain further delays?

Mike Light